



Mr. Richard Hill Smith

June 1, 1934 - April 9, 2016

Richard Hill "Dick" Smith, Jr, 81, of Salisbury, passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Trinity Oaks in Salisbury, N.C.

Born June 1, 1934 in Salisbury, NC to the late Mary Hinceman and Richard Hill Smith, Dick was a graduate of Boyden High School where he was a four year starter on the Football team. His senior year he was All Conference and served as co-captain, played in the East-West All Star game, and represented N.C. in the Shrine Bowl in Charlotte. After graduation he attended Catawba College where he excelled in football and graduated in 1956.

And graduation Dick went on to a distinguished 32 year career with Southern Bell Telephone Company. He retired in 1987 as the N.C. General Manager for Bell South. Dick was very active in the community especially at Catawba College where he served on the Alumni Board, The Board of Visitors, as well as the Chiefs Board and was co-founder of the Gridiron Club. He was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni and served on a small committee of people that was the driving force for raising funds to renovate the Catawba College Shuford Football Stadium and later raising funds to light the stadium. In 2002 he was inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame. Dick was most proud of the Richard H. and Peggy Smith Endowed Scholarship. Dick was a member of the Civitan Club of Salisbury and was a past president as well as 1998 Rookie of the Year, 1999 Civitan of the Year and served on the Spaghetti Feast fund raiser and awards committee. He served on the Board of Rowan Regional Medical Center and was a member of the Country Club of Salisbury.

Preceding him in death was daughter, Cristy Leigh Smith.

Surviving is his wife, Peggy Russell Smith; daughter, Lyn Smith Ihrig of Greenville, SC; step-children: Stan Jordan and wife Sandy of Salisbury, NC; Kim Andrew and husband Mark of Albemarle, NC; Ronda Sparks and husband Mark of Carolina Beach, NC; grandchildren: Jamie Smith Baker and husband Jeff of Franklin, NC; Jordan Richard Ihrig of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Alden Banks Ihrig of Greenville, SC; Ashley Isabelle Schaefer Vermeer and husband Carl of Myrtle Beach, SC; and William Bruce Schaefer, IV, of Myrtle Beach, SC.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 PM Wed. (April 13) at St. John's Lutheran

Church. The family will speak to friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Trinity Oaks Lutheran Home, 820 Klumac Rd, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes St. Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Smith family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I worked at BellSouth. He told me once if I were going to work, make it worth my while. In other words, don't retire from BellSouth with a good salary, and work elsewhere for less money. Work at BellSouth as long as I planned to work. Good advice. I missed him after he retired. God bless all of you.

Martha Misenheimer - April 13, 2016 at 05:32 PM

GK

“ Dick's positive attitude and willingness to be of help will be missed by us and many others.

Kathleen Dunn & Gene Krueger

Gene Krueger - April 13, 2016 at 08:48 AM

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“ Dick was always the smiling face at all those Catawba board meetings. I really enjoyed attending meetings with him and sharing ideas about how to improve Catawba. I will truly miss him. I pray that God will bless and comfort his family.

Sincerely,

Charles

Dr. Charles T. Muse

Dr. Charles T. Muse - April 12, 2016 at 12:47 PM

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“ Please accept our condolences for the loss of your Dad, Lyn and your Grandfather, Jamie. It has been some time since we have had the pleasure of spending time with you and Dickie, but remember the fun times we had while visiting Salisbury and also when you visited your grandmother in Florida. Our love and prayers go out to you and all of the family in this difficult time.

Ann Hincemon Sagraves, DeLand, Florida
David Hincemon, Salisbury, North Carolina

Ann Sagraves - April 11, 2016 at 09:54 PM